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Weare Public Library Trustees Emergency Flood Meeting II Accepted as Amended

April 28, 2007

Present: Susan Morin and Terri Wahnowsky, Trustees; Paul Marsh and Philip Enrico, Alternate Trustees; Christine Hague, Director

With Morin chairing, meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM.

Hague updated Trustees on week's progress. Harry Wetherbee of Geotechnical Services is an engineer and long-time volunteer for the town. He spent about 1-1/2 hours with Hague surveying damage and building. Most important question is how the current drainage system works. Solution will need to ensure water is kept out. French drains do not keep water out, they just re-route it.

Wetherbee suggests gutters to re-route water from roof, but not drain into same pipes as groundwater drainage. Also, lines to sewer on East Road should be checked to make sure they are gravity fed. Hague said the Middle School project will be digging up East Road for sewer purposes and that perhaps we can conduct our evaluation at the same time. Morin wondered if school construction could have shifted something underground to cause backup of water into Library. Hague said Wetherbee gives high marks to school constructors and believes this not to be the case. Wetherbee to detail his findings and suggestions in a letter to the Library.

Without a manual to tell us what was used in original drainage construction, there should be a test pit dug by the town. The pit will determine whether it will be more useful to conduct Ground Penetrating Radar (useful in determining soil levels, pipes, utilities, etc., however costing approx. \$500 per day) or to dig an area that would remove shrubs and landscaping and that is full of utility lines that are not precisely mapped. Morin suggests contacting Chicoine, the constructor of the current drainage system, to see if they have records of what materials they used and how it was constructed. Hague will contact them.

Fundraising

Fundraising efforts are underway. There will be a car wash June 2, the day of the town-wide yard sale. Hague said she needs to research how we can use fundraised dollars legally. For instance, insurance money needs to be paid to the town and then the Library will have to requisition that money in a letter.

Marsh reported that the President signed off on FEMA for NH. Trustees need to find out how library can get some of that money – if we can be part of a town request or do we need to requisition it on our own.

Hague received communications from Sen. Judd Gregg offering assistance and from Jon Dowst, Bank of America, indicating they might be able to help with a gift matching program.

Insurance

Primex is asking for a cost estimate to replace the flooring in the Children's Library. Hague asked Trustees to decide what kind of flooring we should estimate. Morin suggested asking for replacement of what was there to get the settlement going, and then decide exactly what we want at a later date. We have an estimate for replacing the sheetrock and painting that seemed to please the insurance company. Marsh requested that Hague make sure the hand paintings on the columns and walls are preserved by the painters.

Temporary Facility for Children's Library

Hague would like to keep onsite, if possible. We are a full-service library – putting children's books offsite suggests two separate libraries. Also, offsite creates major staffing issues. Staff should not work alone for many good reasons, liability being a major one. Offsite would necessitate more staff. Offsite would also create a need for two moves – staff is exhausted by this turmoil already. Hague is still checking into a trailer. Chip Meany said trailers can be made safe for books very easily. To get a cost estimate would mean nailing down particulars that we don't have right now.

BOS Meeting

Monday, April 30, 6:30 PM. Library Trustees need to attend to ask the following questions and hopefully come away with answers:

- Test pit
 - When can we expect this to be done? (Prefer within next two weeks as time is an issue for us right now)
 - What are the expected results?
- Children's Library
 - We are investigating options to get the children's books back into circulation and to enable the Summer Reading Program. Is the town amenable to a temporary adjacent structure, such as a trailer, on the property?
- Funding
 - What resources are available to us from the town?
 - Are we included on outside funding requests by the town, e.g., FEMA, or do we need to requisition aid ourselves?
 - Could we consider asking DRA for additional spending permission

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Next regular meeting is on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Wahnowsky
Secretary